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# El Centro Field Office

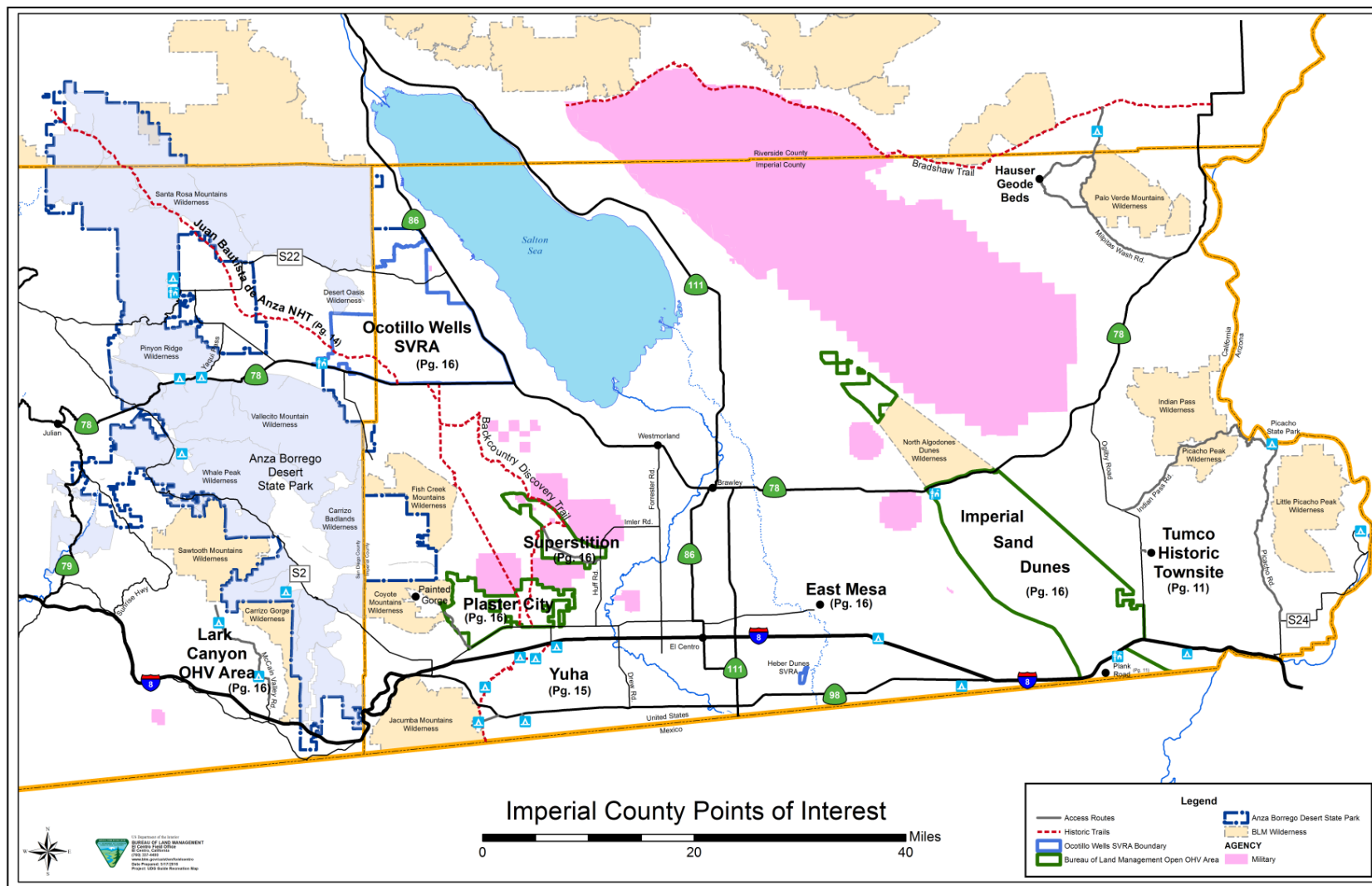
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Award Winning photo by Neil Hamada



# Resource Area Map

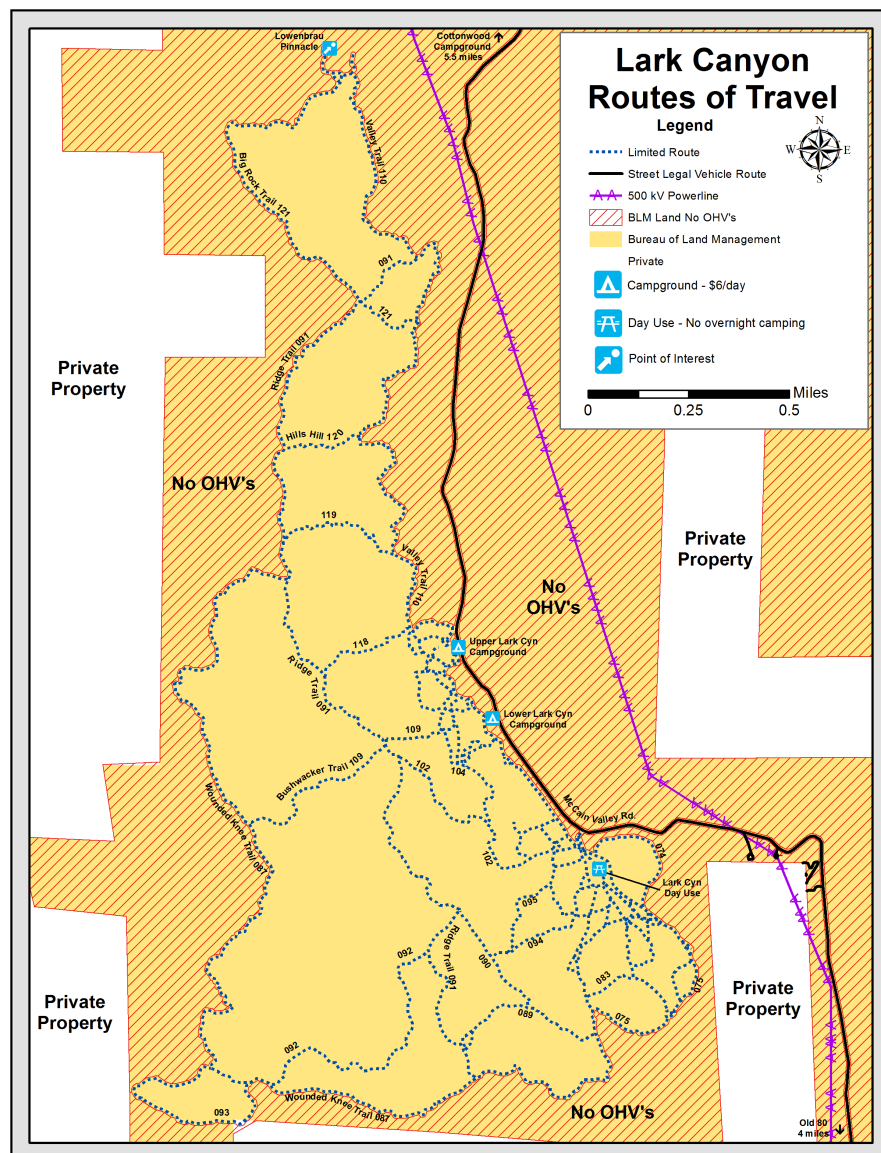






# Lark Canyon

- 31 miles of trails for OHV's less than 40" wide
- OHV area in San Diego, Co.
- Popular for National Trials M/C Events





# Plaster City Open Area

- 41,000 acres of riding area
- SRP Events for M/C, ATV, UTV, Truck & Buggy
- Popular for truck and buggy practice for the Baja 1000







# Superstition Mountain Open Area

- 13,000 acres of riding area
- SRP Events for M/C, ATV, UTV, 4x4, Truck & Buggy
- Vending Permits
- Popular for Movie/Commercial Filming





# Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area



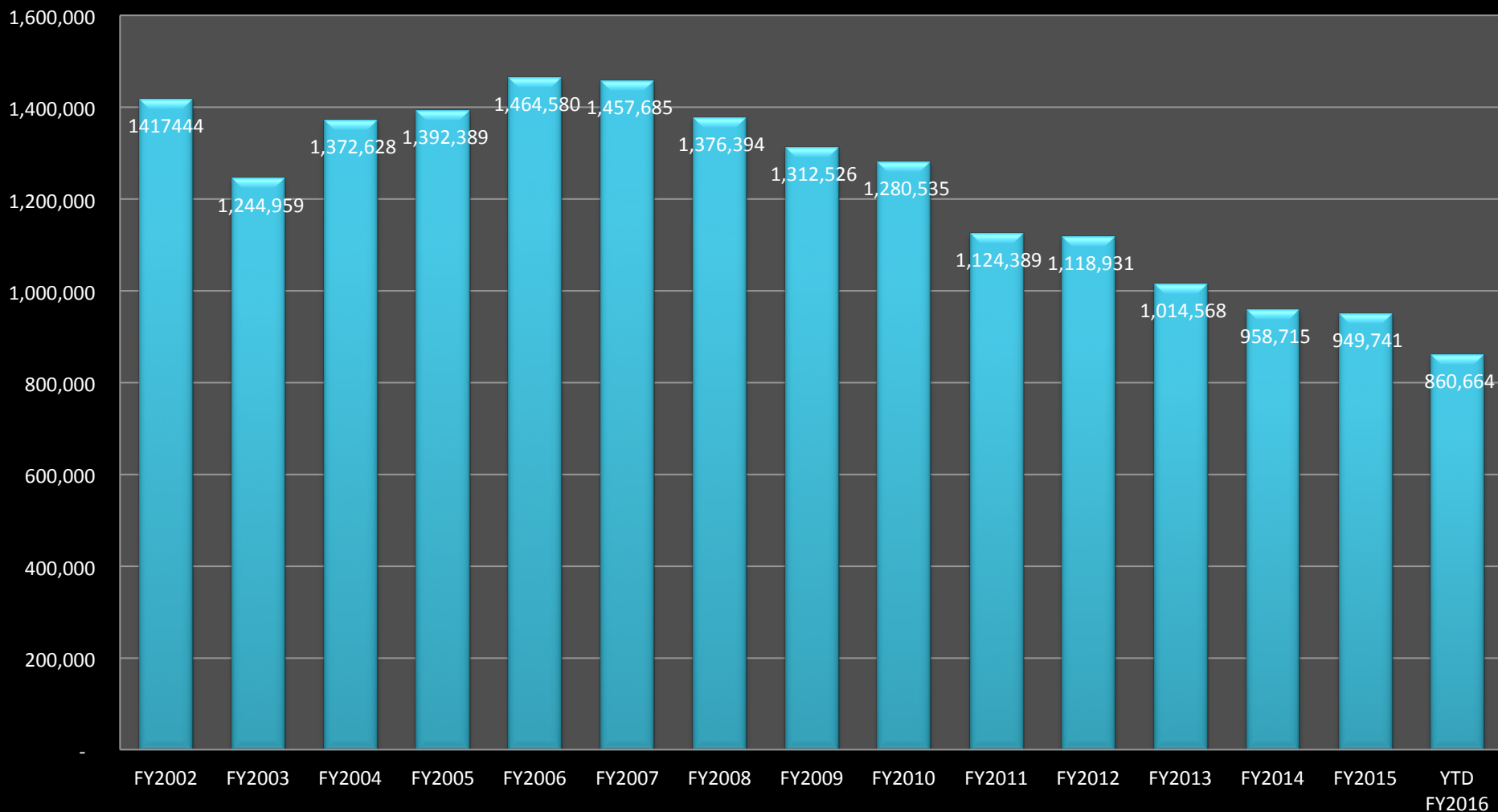
- 160,000 Acres
- World class OHV recreation, specifically for vast open dunes
- Variety of opportunities from Wilderness to intensive OHV recreation
- Funded through Fees, Grants, Federal, and Partnerships.





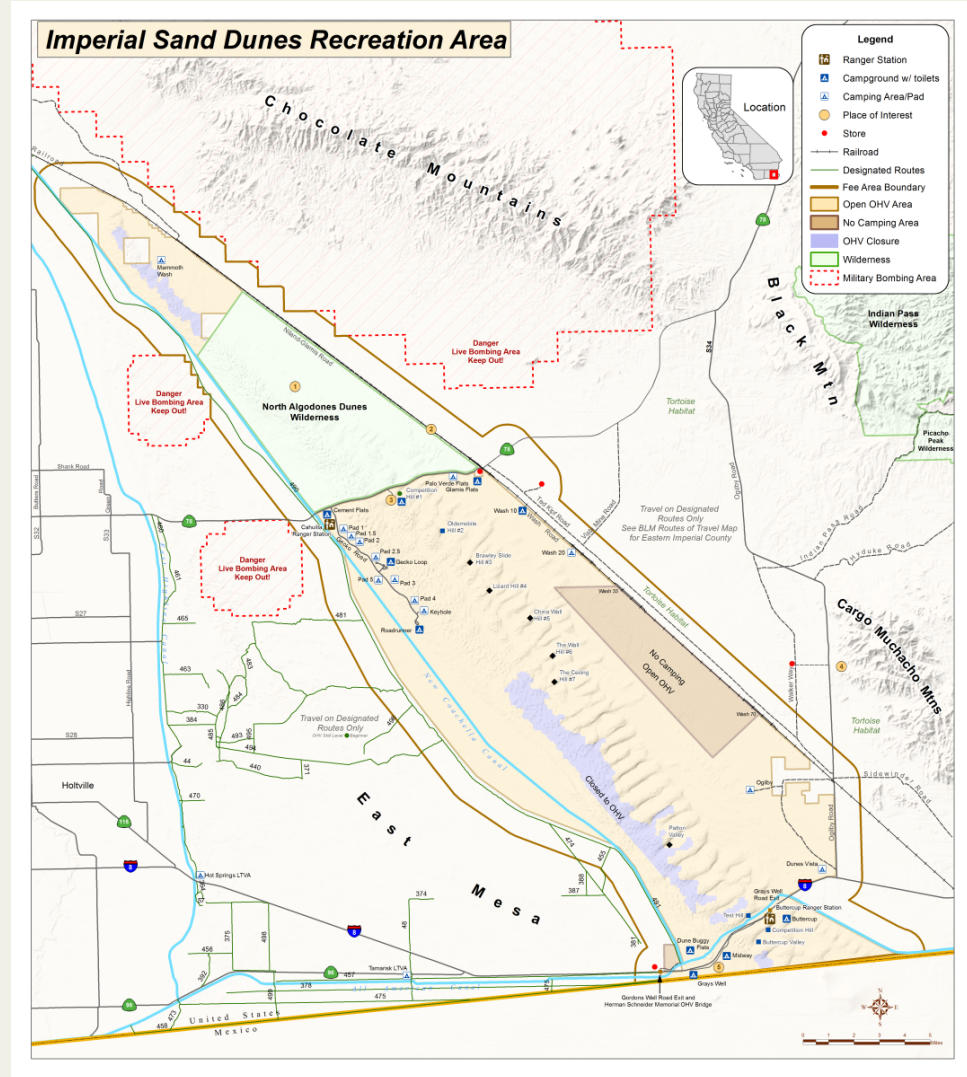
# General Visitation - ISDRA

## Visitation History



# Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area

- 125,000 acres of riding area
- SRP Events for ATV's and UTV's
- Vending Permits
- Popular for Still Photography, Movie/Commercial Filming







# Limited Use Areas

- Devil's Canyon Trail
- Lark Canyon – Eastern San Diego County
- NECO – Eastern Imperial County
- WECO – Western Imperial County



Yuha Desert – Anza Overlook



UTV near Picacho Peak

- Vehicle travel is limited to approved/signed routes of travel
- No cross-country vehicle travel is allowed

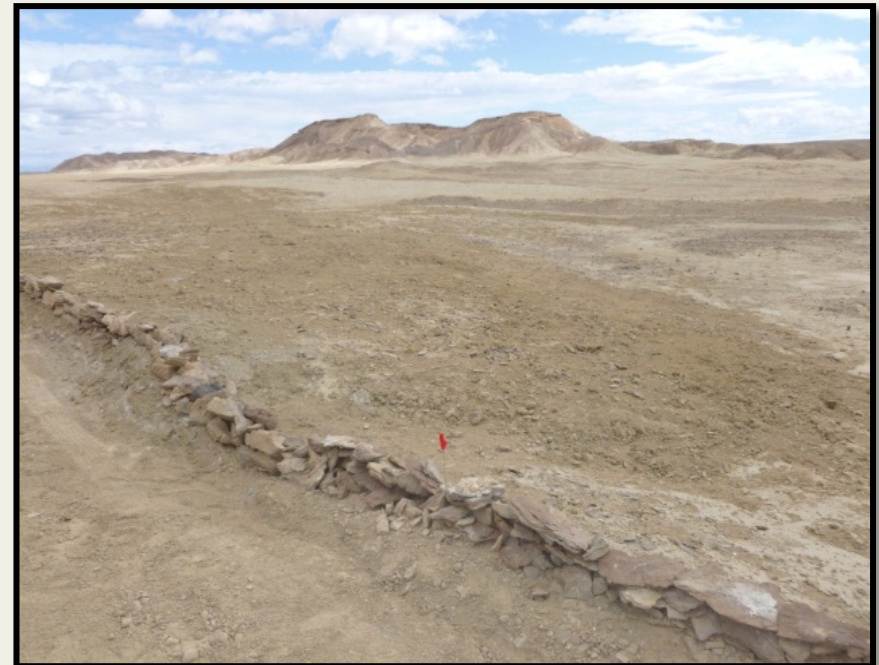


# Limited Use Areas

- >2,300 mi. available in WECO:
  - Yuha Desert, West Mesa, East Mesa
- >1,500 mi. available in NECO
  - From the US/Mexico border to Riverside County Line  
and from the Imperial Sand Dunes to the Colorado River



“Before” Restoration



“After” OHV Grant Restoration





# Ocotillo Wells General Plan/Recreation Area Management Plan

- BLM lands are currently managed by Ocotillo Wells SVRA under an MOU
- Approximately 21,600 acres of BLM lands within the SVRA



- Ocotillo Wells SVRA and the BLM Recreation and Public Purpose Lease



# Environment & Resources

El Centro Field Office manages:

- 10 Wilderness areas (255,000 acres)
- 44 Area's of Critical Environmental Concern (1,192,000 acres)
- 3 Open Areas (137,000 acres)
- OHV Grants funds help to address OHV impacts



Coyote Mountains Wilderness



Yuha Desert ACEC





# Resources protected with OHV funds

- Species of concern in El Centro
  - PMV, Desert Tortoise, FTHL
- Historic/Cultural resources
  - Tumco Historic Townsite
  - Geoglyphs, Petroglyphs, Pictographs
- Mitigation Measures
  - Raven Proof Dumpsters
  - PMV Critical Habitat protection
  - FTHL Management







# Plank Road

- A small section recreated for OHV “selfies”



- 100th anniversary of the Plank Road







# Special Recreation Permits

- Permits issued for a variety of events
  - Commercial, Competitive and Organized Group
- El Centro Field Office issues over 100 SRP's each year
- Majority of SRP's are either OHV Recreation or support OHV Recreation





# Vending Program

Approx. 80 Vendors provide goods and services to OHV visitors

- RV / OHV Rental, septic pumping, OHV repair, safety apparel, and parts, firewood, ice, camping equipment, etc.







# Law Enforcement

- ECFO LE Staff
  - 11 Field, 2 Resident, 2 Supervisors and 1 Chief
  - 30-40 LEO's during Holidays
  - Assist with Medical Aids
  - Grant Funding

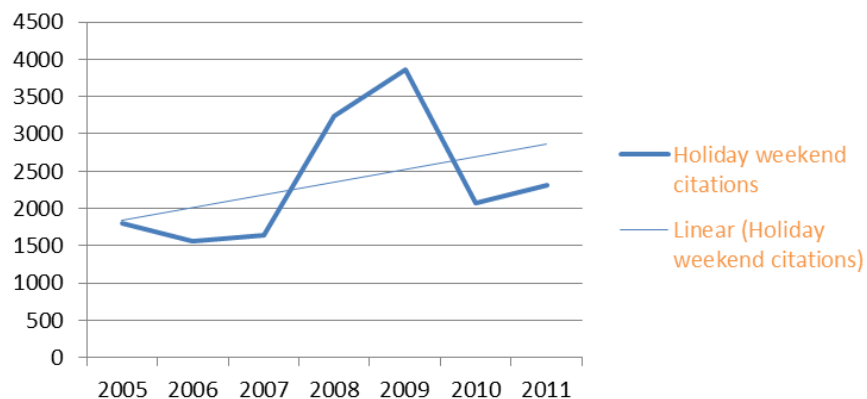




# Law Enforcement

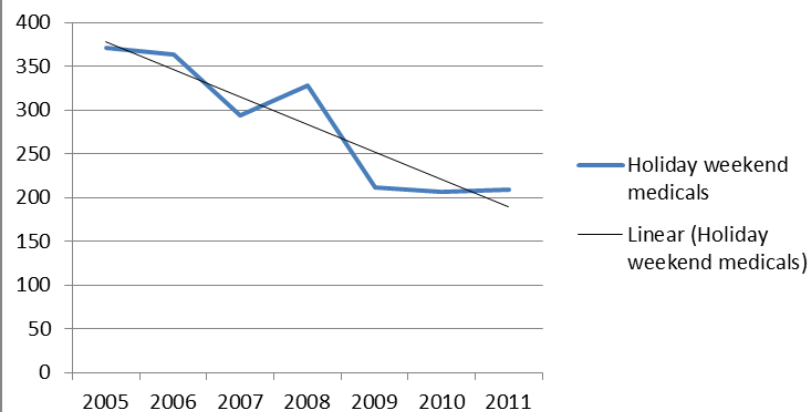
## Holiday weekend citations

Thanksgiving, New Years, Presidents'



## Holiday weekend medicals

Thanksgiving, New Years, Presidents'



LEO's assisting with a medical aid

| Year | Contacts | % Chg.       | Warnings | % Chg.      | Cites | % Chg.       | Arrests | % Chg.       |
|------|----------|--------------|----------|-------------|-------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| 2016 | 25,056   | 25% Increase | 5,946    | 8% Increase | 1,462 | 45% Decrease | 17      | 23% Increase |
| 2015 | 18,963   |              | 5,456    |             | 2,622 |              | 22      |              |
| 2014 | 20,875   |              | 3,808    |             | 1,152 |              | 16      |              |
| 2013 | 33,906   |              | 4,929    |             | 1,743 |              | 65      |              |

% Change is depicted annually and not from inception of statistical data





# Safety

- Incidents - 800 in 2001 to 312 in 2016
- 2 LE Sand Rails
- 2 EMS Sand Rails
- Fleet of Pick up Trucks, UTV's, & ATV's
- Safety Grant Funding





# Emergency Medical Services

- Approx. 15 EMT's, 300 calls per year, 40% transported via Air/Ground
- The majority of the calls occur on holiday weekends in the ISDRA

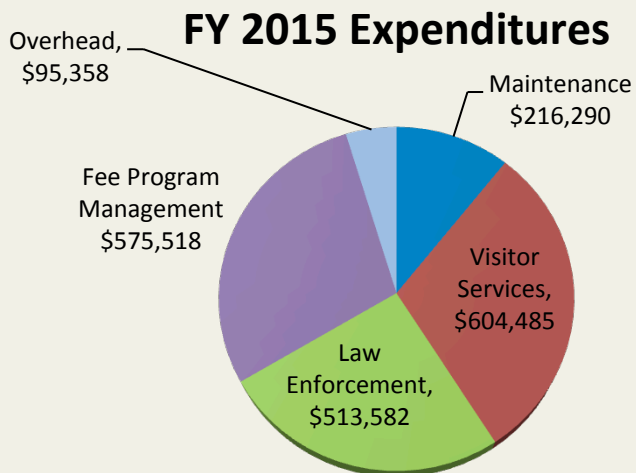






# Funding

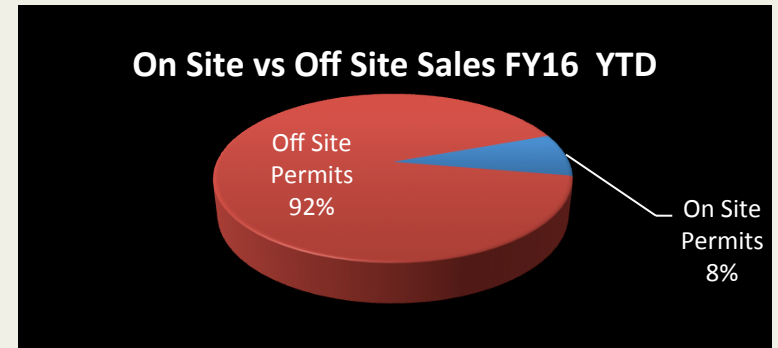
- Fees
- Grants
- Federal
- Partner/Volunteer





# Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area

- Fee Program
  - Off Site
    - \$35/week
    - \$25 2<sup>nd</sup> permit online discount
  - On Site
    - \$50/week
  - Season - \$150



## Fee Report for FY15

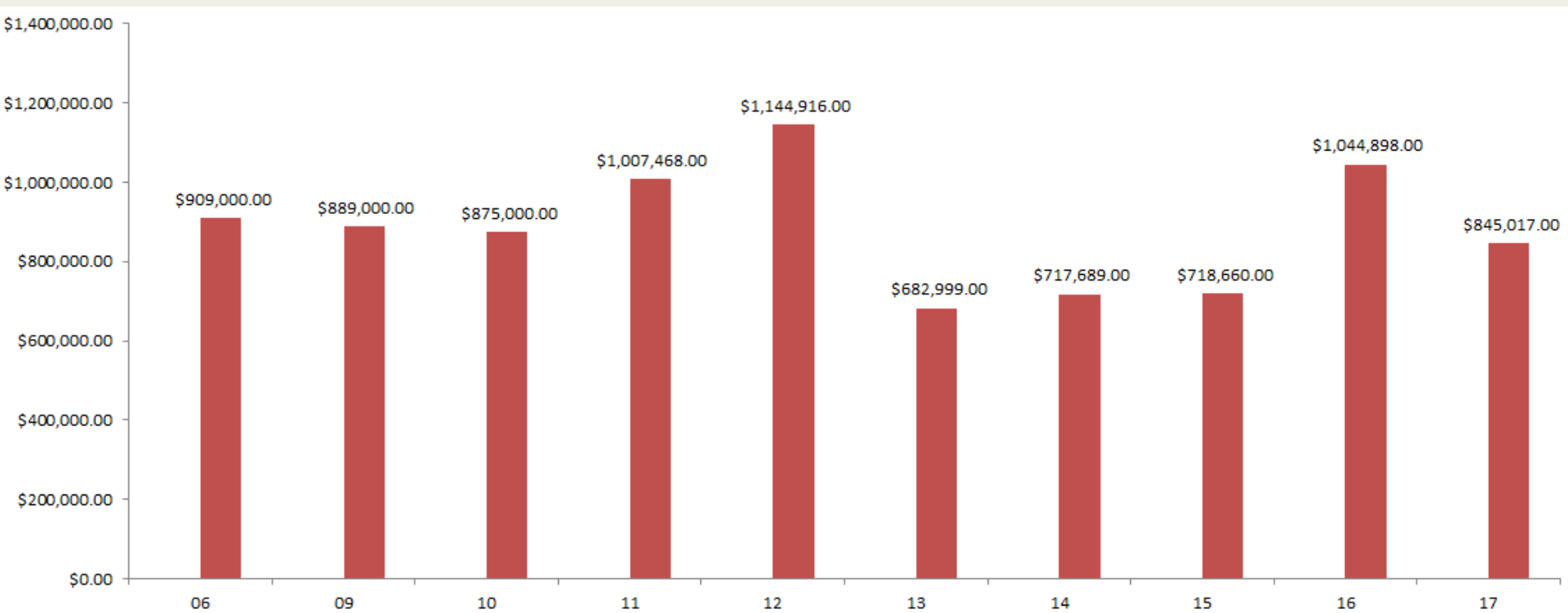
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| FY 2015 ISDRA Fee Revenue  | \$2,891,234 |
|                            |             |
| Total FY 2015 Funds        | \$2,891,234 |
| FLREA Section              | 2015        |
| Maintenance                | \$216,290   |
| Visitor Services           | \$604,485   |
| Law Enforcement            | \$513,582   |
| Fee Program Management     | \$575,518   |
| Overhead                   | \$95,358    |
|                            |             |
| FY 2015 Expenditures TOTAL | \$2,005,234 |





# History of OHV Grant Funding

In the past 10 yrs. ECFO received \$8,834,647 through OHV Grants





# Herman Schneider Bridge – Grant Funded

- Dedicated to Mr. Herman Schneider
  - Created the Volunteer Dunes Patrol
  - Lobbied OHMVR Commission for funds to provide safe access between Gordons Well and Buttercup
  - Facilitated the MOU with Cal Trans after the All American Canal was constructed



- One of the largest OHV Grant Development projects for ECFO.
- One of the rare places in CA where OHVs visitors can legally ride over a freeway.





# Partnerships

- Other BLM Offices
- United Desert Gateway
- American Sand Association
- Imperial County
- US Border Patrol
- US Forest Service
- REACH Air Ambulance
- El Centro Regional Medical Center



**United Desert Gateway provides the momentum to get the largest of all dune clean-ups off and running.**

**>5,000 volunteer hours donated.**





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